

# Senate Study Bill 3170

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the department of education and the board of  
2 educational examiners to develop a plan to improve the quality  
3 of teaching statewide.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. TEACHING IMPROVEMENT PLAN == REPORT. The  
1 2 department of education and the board of educational examiners  
1 3 shall work together to develop a plan to improve the quality  
1 4 of teaching statewide. The department and the board shall  
1 5 review, at a minimum, the following for inclusion in the plan:  
1 6 1. Measures to identify the inappropriate assignment by  
1 7 school districts of instructional duties to teachers who do  
1 8 not hold the proper license or endorsement.  
1 9 2. A requirement that a subject area taught under the  
1 10 educational program set forth in section 256.11 be taught only  
1 11 by a practitioner who holds a valid license with an  
1 12 endorsement, issued in accordance with section 272.7, to teach  
1 13 in the subject area.  
1 14 3. Making the failure to meet the requirement specified in  
1 15 subsection 2 grounds for an on-site visit by an accreditation  
1 16 team in accordance with section 256.11, subsection 10.  
1 17 4. The establishment of fines that the board of  
1 18 educational examiners may impose on a practitioner who obtains  
1 19 a nonrenewable license that authorizes the practitioner to  
1 20 teach in a subject area prior to completing all of the  
1 21 requirements for an endorsement in that subject area, and who,  
1 22 by the license expiration date, continues to teach in the  
1 23 subject area, while making no further progress toward meeting  
1 24 the requirements for endorsement.  
1 25 5. The establishment of a goal within a time certain when  
1 26 all Iowa teachers will teach only in those subject areas for  
1 27 which they are licensed and endorsed by the board of  
1 28 educational examiners.  
1 29 The board and the department shall submit the plan,  
1 30 including proposed legislation, to the senate and house  
1 31 standing education committees by December 15, 2006.

1 32 EXPLANATION  
1 33 This bill directs the department of education and the board  
1 34 of educational examiners to work together to develop a plan to  
1 35 improve the quality of teaching statewide. The department and  
2 1 the board shall review, at a minimum, for inclusion in the  
2 2 plan, measures to identify the inappropriate assignment of  
2 3 instructional duties to teachers; a requirement that subject  
2 4 areas required under the educational standards be taught only  
2 5 by a practitioner who holds a valid license with an  
2 6 endorsement to teach in the subject area; making failure to  
2 7 employ qualified teachers grounds for an on-site visit by an  
2 8 accreditation team; the establishment of fines that may be  
2 9 imposed on teachers who obtain a nonrenewable license to teach  
2 10 in a subject area prior to completing all of the requirements  
2 11 for an endorsement, and who, by the license expiration date,  
2 12 continue to teach in the subject area without making progress  
2 13 toward meeting the endorsement requirements; and the  
2 14 establishment of a goal within a time certain when all Iowa  
2 15 teachers will teach only in those subject areas for which they

2 16 are licensed and endorsed by the board.  
2 17       The board and the department shall submit the plan,  
2 18 including proposed legislation, to the senate and house  
2 19 standing education committees by December 15, 2006.  
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